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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RED RIBBON INTERAGENCY TASK
FORCE ON HIV AND AIDS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a red ribbon
2 interagency task force on HIV and AIDS. The task force shall (1)
3 develop an integrated HIV and AIDS prevention services and care
4 plan, (2) determine how state dollars are allocated to HIV and AIDS
5 programs and services, (3) develop and recommend cost-effective
6 legislation or administrative regulations, or both, for programs,
7 policies or procedures that help people living with HIV and AIDS and
8 help to prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS, (4) review and integrate
9 into the HIV and AIDS prevention service and care plan funding
10 recommendations made by the Ryan White Title I Planning Council of
11 New Haven and Fairfield County, the Ryan White Title I Planning
12 Council of Hartford, Middlesex and Tolland Counties and the
13 Connecticut HIV Prevention Community Planning Group.
- 14 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 15 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,

16 one of whom shall be a representative of the Connecticut Positive
17 Action Coalition and one of whom shall be a person with HIV or AIDS;

18 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
19 of whom shall be a representative of the Connecticut AIDS Residence
20 Coalition and one of whom shall be a person with HIV or AIDS;

21 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
22 Representatives, who shall be a representative of the Harm Reduction
23 Coalition;

24 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
25 affiliated with a needle exchange program in Connecticut;

26 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
27 Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative of the
28 Connecticut HIV Prevention Community Planning Group and one of
29 whom shall be a representative of the Center for Interdisciplinary
30 Research on AIDS;

31 (6) Three appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of
32 whom shall be a representative of the Ryan White Title I Planning
33 Council of Hartford, Middlesex and Tolland County, one of whom
34 shall be a representative of the Ryan White Title I Planning Council of
35 New Haven and Fairfield Counties and one of whom shall be a
36 representative of the New Haven Mayor's Task Force on AIDS;

37 (7) The Commissioners of Public Health, Social Services, Correction
38 and Mental Health and Addiction Services, or their designees;

39 (8) The chairpersons of the African-American Affairs Commission,
40 the LPRAC, the PCSW, or their designees;

41 (9) The chairperson of the Advisory Commission on Multicultural
42 Health, or the chairperson's designee;

43 (10) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the

44 secretary's designee; and

45 (11) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
46 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, or
47 their designees.

48 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
49 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
50 filled by the appointing authority.

51 (d) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
52 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
53 health shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

54 (e) Not later than January 1, 2004, the task force shall submit a
55 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
56 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
57 relating to appropriations, public health and human services, in
58 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
59 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
60 January 1, 2004, whichever is earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To bring together a diverse group of interested persons to evaluate the current system for dealing with AIDS and HIV and to recommend improvements to that system.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]